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E. Decker Adams, Chairperson
Scituate School Committee
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Re: Prevailing Wage Rates; Heating System Repair Contract.

Dear Mr. Adams:

This letter responds to your inquiry of August 20, 1996 concerning the establishment of a new job classification for oil/gas burner technician on prevailing wage schedules issued by the Department of Labor and Industries ("DLI").

Massachusetts General Laws c. 149, § 26 requires that the Commissioner of DLI establish prevailing wage rates for each job classification associated with public works construction projects. Section 26 also provides that such wage rates shall not be lower than, among other things, the rate of pay established "by collective [bargaining] agreements or understandings in the private construction industry between organized labor and employers."

In the case at hand, there does not exist a collective bargaining agreement which establishes a separate job classification for "oil/gas burner technician." However, the trade description for plumbers and pipefitters in the applicable collective bargaining agreement covers most, if not all, of the work done on heating systems including work of oil/gas burner technicians. Therefore, it is the determination of the Department that the appropriate wage rate for the Scituate heating system contract is the rate for plumbers and pipefitters.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. Prezioso".

Robert J. Prezioso